

passing legislation that will pressure China to stop their unfair monetary policy. China's manipulation of their currency has cost us jobs in Connecticut and around the country. Our workers and businesses deserve a level playing field, and this bill will help ensure that.

Since China joined the WTO, our trade deficit from China has risen from \$84 billion to \$270 billion. In that same period of time, Connecticut, my home State, has lost 31,000 jobs, and our country has lost 2.8 million jobs, 1.9 million of them in manufacturing.

Companies throughout Connecticut, like HABCO, Incorporated, are demanding that we finally do something about these unfair practices that subsidize Chinese exports. Everyone from the manufacturers that I have surveyed to the people I run into at grocery stores understands that China is cheating on their currency.

With more than 160,000 people in Connecticut out of work, it is long past time for the leadership of this House to allow a vote on this floor on legislation to take China to task for their unfair practices and to strengthen American workers and businesses.

Let's pass this jobs-creating legislation now.

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#### LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT BARRACLOUGH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Lieutenant Colonel Robert Barracough.

Retired from the United States Air Force in 1968, Colonel Barracough's record of service is impressive. During World War II, Barracough was a bomber pilot flying missions over German-occupied territory. These dangerous bombing missions had high casualty rates.

Between mechanical problems, lack of fuel, enemy fighters and enemy ground fire, nearly 26,000 airmen lost their lives in the "Mighty 8th" Air Force during the war. However, after switching out of the B-24 Liberators and into the B-17 Flying Fortresses, Barracough flew 32 missions in the 490th Bomb Group in the 8th Air Force and was made group commander.

Perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments was that his leadership resulted in the lowest casualty rates of all the squadrons and groups in the 8th Air Force during the entire war. Keeping his group's pilots rotated and rested, flying in tight formations to concentrate firepower, German observation planes could not find an easy plan of assault on the formation.

Today I honor Lieutenant Colonel Barracough, and I thank him again for his dedicated service to our country.

#### DETROIT

(Mr. CLARKE of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I am very honored to say that I was born and raised in the city of Detroit, and I currently represent the great city of Detroit and its suburbs as a representative in Congress.

I also represent the Detroit Tigers. This "D" stands for the Detroit Tigers, and, you know, they may have had all the odds against them, but they kept on fighting. You know, they represent our city's spirit.

I'll tell you also what this "D" represents. It represents democracy, as in the arsenal that Detroit built in World War II that saved this country, and it saved this world from fascism.

You know, our city is going through some tough times right now, but we're not going to give up. We can actually create jobs again for this country. We just ask this Congress, allow this city to keep its Federal tax revenue, place it in a protected trust fund, invest it in the city for 5 years.

We can create jobs not only for Detroiters but for millions of Americans. If you want to create jobs in this country, invest in Detroit.

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

(Mr. RIVERA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RIVERA. Mr. Speaker, this week, in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month, over 100 distinguished Hispanic American civic, business, and community leaders from south Florida traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive Congressional Distinguished Service Awards from myself, Senator MARCO RUBIO, Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, and Congressman MARIO DIAZ-BALART.

These hardworking and patriotic Americans of Hispanic descent represent the positive contributions the Hispanic community has made to this great Nation. Whether serving in the military, creating jobs with small businesses, or simply pursuing the American Dream, Hispanic Americans like my constituents are deserving of recognition for their accomplishments.

Two of those honorees who came to the Capitol this week, Ms. Nelis Morales and Mr. Gustavo Garagorry, prepared statements for the occasion. I would like to submit their statements for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### PRESIDIO POLITICO CUBANO

I am grateful for this recognition that us an honor and fills me with pride.

As a Cuban political prisoner, I represent the International Coordinator of Cuban political prisoners, through the years I have had the opportunity to help both prisoners and ex-prisoners as well as their families, both inside and outside of Cuba, and also to

plead for liberty and democracy for the Cuban people.

The Cuban political prisoner organizations, without exception, support the project to re-adjust the Cuban Adjustment Act that has been presented to the U.S. Congress by our congressmen for the state of Florida, David Rivera, Mario Diaz-Balart, and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.

As a Cuban ex-political prisoner and as a woman, I beg, in front of you who represent the most powerful country in the world in terms of human rights, freedom, and democracy, your help for the poor Cuban nation for whom I will never tire using my voice to support.

No more economic help to the Castro-Communist tyranny. No to the cultural interchange.

No more aggressions against the Cuban heroines such as Sara Martha Fonseca who represents the Cuban prisoners house in Havana, and Laura Pollan from the heroic "Damas de Blanco" or "Ladies in White".

No to the aggressions against the internal opposition.

I beg your help in order to put an end to the slavery of the Cuban people, because after 53 years. . . for Cuba . . . the time has come!

NELIS ROJAS MORALES.

Thanks USA, I am very proud to be here with all of you, of living in this wonderful country where the people main reason is to live in democracy and freedom. Specially thanks to our Florida senators and congressmen for granting me this great honor and all the friends that this land has given me. God bless America. Viva la Libertad.

GUSTAVO GARAGORRY.

#### DR. EDWARD B. MCLEAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FINCHER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROKITA) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ROKITA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to recognize and salute an exceptional Hoosier, Dr. Edward B. McLean. Sadly, we lost Dr. McLean on September 12. I wish to express my condolences, thoughts and prayers to his family.

He was an inspiration on my path to serving the people of Indiana, and his teachings have become my primary motivation for seeking to reduce the size and scope of government here in Washington. He was my college professor, my counselor, and my friend. More importantly, Mr. Speaker, he was exactly the same person to countless men who associate with Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

As a man of faith, I believe we were put on this Earth to love one another and to make the best of the gifts our Lord has provided. We are all blessed to live in a country that allows us to experience liberty, the opportunity to learn, and the chance to succeed. Not every nation, Mr. Speaker, can say that.

As a professor of political science since 1968, Dr. McLean challenged Wabash College students, faculty, and alumni to think critically and encouraged all to be lifelong learners. He gave us that chance to succeed.